The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" I have already said that the new form has been prescribed with reference to loans which are granted for relieving the indebtedness of the ryots. So far as ordinary loans are concerned, there is no intention on the part of the Government to change the form."

Diwan Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" May I ask the Hon. the Revenue Member whether the work will be confined only to those districts from which applications for loans have been received or whether he is going to employ any special staff for this purpose?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" I understand that Collecters have been asked, as far as possible to give figures of those cases which deserve relief under the Agriculturists' Loans Act. But before we extend it throughout the Presidency, we want to see how it works under a special staff in these two particular areas. If, as I hope, it will be a success in those parts of the Presidency, it will be extended to other areas also and if necessary special staff will be appointed for other parts of the Presidency."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know how long they are going to take for trying this experiment?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" It all depends upon how the experiment works in these areas."

Diwan Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" May I know what objection the Government have to receive the loan applications from the several districts and considering them according to their merits instead of waiting for a long time to see how the experiment works in the selected areas?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" That will come, I hope, very shortly."

Recovery of instalments due under the Agricultural Improvements Loans Act in the Guntur district.

* 237 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government are collecting the instalments due under the Agricultural Improvements Loans Act in the Guntur district even in places where they have granted remissions of land revenue?

A.—The hon. Member presumably refers to cases in which season remissions have been granted by the Collector.

According to rule XXV of the Loans (General) Rules the repayment of an annual instalment may be suspended by the authority or officer, who sanctioned the loan, whenever from causes beyond the borrower's control such repayment of the instalment becomes unduly burdensome.

The Government have received a petition forwarded by the hon. Member which contains a request for the suspension of instalments due on a loan granted under the Special

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Loans Rules. It is stated in the petition that the assessment on certain lands belonging to the petitioner was remitted in the last fasli. The petition has been transferred to the Board of Revenue. The Government have no other information.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know, when the Government themselves have granted remissions for want of proper crops, why they cannot extend the term for repayment of loans under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, automatically without any application from the parties concerned?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"The answer itself says that such remissions are granted by the Collector. So also he can grant the extension of term for repayment of loans."

Grant of loans for relief of distress in famine areas.

* 238 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that loans for relief of distress in famine areas in this Presidency are not being granted to village officers and other village servants and depressed classes, though they are pattadars;

(*b*) whether loans to such persons are not being granted in Anantapur district; and

(*c*) whether loans to such persons are being discouraged in Anantapur district?

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) The Government have no information.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—"Sir, the answer given to this question is, 'the Government have no information.' May I ask the Hon. Member to call for the information and supply it to this House so that it may have an idea of the condition of the people of my district?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I think that is a matter entirely for the discretion of the Collector."

Protection of Wild Birds and Animals.

Number of cattle and people killed by wild animals in North Arcot during the last triennium.

* 239 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cattle and people killed by wild beasts in the North Arcot district, talukwar, during each of the last three years; and

(*b*) the number of rewards awarded for shooting wild animals during each of those years in the North Arcot district?